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West Covina Man Charged With Arson

A 42-year-old man accused of setting a restaurant bathroom on fire pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Lin (dob 3/22/72) of West Covina was charged with one felony count of arson of property of another in case no. KA108931.

Additionally, the charging document alleges that Lin was previously convicted of vandalism in 2005 and 2006.

Prosecutors said on Feb. 3, the defendant was at Ten Ren's Tea Time in Walnut when he reportedly entered a bathroom and set the toilet on fire.

After he exited the bathroom, a customer entered and noticed a fire, at which point authorities were called.

Later that day, police apprehended Lin and arrested him in connection with the fire incident.

Lin is scheduled to return to court for a preliminary hearing on Feb. 19 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch in Department N.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of three years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.